

**League of Women Voters of Thurston County (LWVTC)  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 20, 2011, 6 pm  
Apollo's Restaurant, 2010 Harrison Ave. NW, Olympia, 98502**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Clydia Cuykendall.

Board members in attendance were: Clydia, Allyson Brooks, Dawn Brooks Gibbs, Pat Dickason, Kathleen Downey, Barb Theiss, Cynthia Stewart and Karen Tvedt. Kathy Morris attended as a guest.

Jackie Kettman-Thomas submitted her resignation as Board member.

**2. Treasurer's Reports for November & December.**

Clydia will email the November and December reports to Board members.

**3. Update on Membership Renewal Effort – Dawn Brooks**

The LWVTC currently has 112 members with 22 unpaid for 2010. Additionally, 20 people were dropped last year because of long-term non-payment of dues. Some of the dues problems relate to our change in address, and the fact that the Post Office did not return incorrectly addressed mail to us. Clydia sent a reminder to members who are delinquent in paying their dues. Because we need to send "per member" payments to state and national office by the end of January, Clydia suggested that we update the list to drop people who are delinquent on their dues. The Board agreed to contact these members with a final reminder prior to taking them off the list (either through phone calls or email). Dawn will take responsibility with Dorothy to finalize the membership list by January 31, 2011.

**4. Results of LWVTC Program Survey – Clydia Cuykendall.**

As agreed during our last Board meeting, Clydia sent a survey to TWVTC members to determine why so few people attended the last regular meeting. Sixteen people responded to the survey about the reasons they did not attend the meeting in November. The reasons given were as follows:

**Subject:** 3

**Venue:** 1

**Time:** 0

**Lack of coffee, snacks:** 2

**Too busy:** 1

**Travel or illness:** 4

**Forgot to put on calendar:** 3

**Got all information on line:** 1

**Work conflicts:** 1

Our February meeting will be at Traditions downtown while our meeting next week will be at the Courthouse. The topic of our January 27th meeting is county governance/budgets and our three county commissioners have indicated that they plan to attend. Cynthia and Jeff Jaksich will serve as presenters for this meeting.

It is possible that Jeff will ask for a vote on follow-up steps. According to the by-laws, we need a quorum of 15 people to take official action.

Clydia will be on KGY the morning prior to the January meeting and intends to publicize the event.

Dawn agreed that she will send a blast email to members the week prior to our regular monthly meetings.

#### **5. Response to LWVWA Call for 2011-2013 Program Suggestions – Clydia Cuykendall**

League members choose issues to place on the League's public policy agenda and decide which items to recommend as state and national study priorities. The state League has requested suggestions by February 14th from Leagues around the state. A couple of suggestions were brainstormed: creation of an education agency; and taxation and closing tax loop holes. Clydia agreed to send an email to membership asking for suggestions by February 7<sup>th</sup> to allow time for prioritization by the membership.

In addition, we have been asked by the Seattle League to concur with their study on privatization. The LWVTC Board agreed to support the study with 6 approvals and 1 abstention.

#### **6. Update on TRPC Grant for Regional Sustainable Development Plan – Cynthia Stewart**

During our last Board meeting, we had a presentation about the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) project on sustainable development including land use and environmental issues. Cynthia met with members of the TRPC and learned that LWVTC is not actually a member of the planning committee. However, the state League is a member, and Karen Verrill represents the state League on the planning committee. We will have a role in publicizing activities including information about kick-off of the project that will be held on January 31 at The Evergreen College Longhouse. Cynthia and Dawn will coordinate on doing electronic publicity. Clydia and Cynthia are participating in the Sustainability Roundtable of Thurston County consistent with the LWVTC's positions and the state League guidelines on coalitions.

#### **7. Lobby Day Update - Kathy Morris**

Lobby day is scheduled for Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. The core of program will be in the Columbia Room in the Legislative Building. Kathy, Dawn and Karen Verrill are on the planning committee. Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters during the event. Dawn will take care of registration; Clydia and Karen T. volunteered to serve as greeters. Clydia will help get the word out about the event during her interview on KGY. Karen T. will work with Pat to develop a paragraph about the event that can be included in the Voter.

#### **8. LWVTC Archives – Clydia Cuykendall**

Clydia went to the archives with Marie Cameron to determine the League's start date (December 4<sup>th</sup>, 1961) and the date of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Clydia proposes combining celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with our holiday party this year.

There are some materials in the archive that should be posted on our website. Clydia discussed the importance of maintaining the League's records in electronic form and backing them up on CD. The CD's should be maintained in the archive. There was discussion about how new materials should be indexed. Clydia agreed to send Board members a document that outlines an approach to indexing developed by Marie Cameron. Indexing of future materials will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.

## **9. Speaker Offers – Clydia Cuykendall**

We have received a couple of speaker offers including: Steve Breaux, who is with the Washington Public Interest Group, and Tom Allman, accessibility coordinator for the Secretary of State. We are considering doing a meeting on accessibility next fall.

## **10. Other Business**

- Dawn asked for discussion about upcoming issues of the Voter. She also asked for reviewers for the TRY (They Represent You) document which should go to print by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Clydia indicated that the Jacobs are asking us to suggest dates for the rummage sale; the Board agreed that it shouldn't be before July 17<sup>th</sup> and that we should suggest the weekend of 7/23-7/24.
- The League's proposal to present at Great Citizenship wasn't accepted.
- The National League asked Clydia to make an appointment to meet with Jamie Herrera; so far, Clydia hasn't been able to obtain an appointment with Congresswoman Herrera.
- Clydia will be away from 2/27-3/12/11. During this period, she will not be available via telephone or email.
- Kathleen proposed that we develop a clear policy about membership for people who lack money for dues. This issue will be considered during our next Board meeting.
- Pat D indicated that she is meeting with Kim Abel and others on Monday; to discuss the May League convention and asked for suggestions about topics that should be included.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

## **12. Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011, 6pm at Apollo's.

Submitted by Karen Tvedt, Secretary